

SIR EDWARD'S BILLS

Little Account Contracted by His Stew
penalized by Sir Edward—Another
James, Showing How a Minister Can

THE REPUBLICAN has already shown British Minister repudiated bills for the legation mansion. Sir Edward Th has applied his peculiar ideas of trans business not only to his dealings

...the repudiation by Sir Edward of a bill effected in a regular way for provisions and articles furnished for the household. Sir Edward took advantage of the privilege of peerage, and the bill will probably never be paid. The amount involved is comparatively small, but the transaction will be considered unduly creditable to the larger ones. Until Sir Edward has figured.

...till a few months ago a man named ... attached to Sir Edward's household ... ward. Gray was brought over from

by Le Poer Trench, the Secretary of the Association. As is usual with stewards of a party, Mr. Bray provided for the family, and the guests, including the wives of the officers and other tradesmen. Mr. Trench is a grocer doing business at the corner of Nineteenth and M streets, within sight of the old manion. During the fall of 1876 Sir Edward had a bill for his wife's light's store and procured wines and liquors for the manion, and contracted a bill for the same amounting to \$30.50. Mr. Knight knew Sir Edward and credited his bill to him without doubting the same. He finally sent a bill to Sir Edward, and on the second day of December last Mr. Trench called on him at his store and gave Mr. Knight \$30 or thereabouts for the bill. Mr. Knight received a receipt from Sir Edward as follows:

WASHINGTON, December 2, 1876.
Received of Sir Edward Thornton \$30 on account of my bill. R. C. Knight.
Mr. Bray's bill, per Mr. Trench. R. C. Knight.

Mr. Trench remarked that the balance due to him would be forthcoming, and the acceptance of the receipt for part payment was consistent with the statement made by Mr. Knight as an acknowledgment of the balance due to him. He had no doubt at that time that the balance was paid. Weeks later, when the balance was not paid, Mr. Trench, in connection with the bill to see Mr. Edwards, toward became very dignified, repudiated the bill, and used language to his caller which was very unbecoming a person occupying his position. The balance of \$40.50 has not been paid.

There are reports that have been narrated to the witness, the substance of a statement made to a Representative by a reporter by Mr. Knight. When the reporter called at his store Mr. Knight was conversing with a friend who happened to be present, and with the facts.

"When Mr. Trench came to my store,"

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"of the balance of the bill," remarked knight's friend.

"Mr. French is the first of the men of his race that every American citizen is a rogue," said Mr. Knight.

"He has an idea that he is the smartest of the world," said the friend. "He can't be, as steward, in England."

"That came from Bull's-eye, a colleague for lunatic," remarked Mr. Knight, an Irishman, and, "perhaps," he added with a twinkle in his eye, "he might have been treated there."

"I don't represent the English," remarked Mr. Knight's friend, "I am Englishman. "A true Englishman is as good as his note."

During the conversation Sir Edward had been thinking of the thoroughly English character of Mr. Knight and his friend were of the opinion that Mr. Knight had been cheated out of his money, and had been forced to contribute to the support of Sir Edward's

PHILADELPHIA, July 6.—Deputy County Clerk John J. Feltz yesterday held an inquest on the body of an infant child, supposed to be the daughter of a colored man, aged about two months, which was found dead in the arms of officers of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children from the paid custody of a woman named Mrs. Parr. Several witnesses testified that Mrs. Parr had engaged as a baby nurse to take care of the child, but that she had numerous children in her home and that she had never been employed by the society. The coroner announced that he would convene the case until Tuesday morning next at 10 o'clock, at which time he would commit the body to the morgue in the mean time he would commit the accused woman to prison.

Fatal Fourth of July Frolic.
ST. LOUIS, July 6.—It has just transpired that at a number of boys and young men formed a party and fired a keg of blasting powder in Brooklyn, Mo., yesterday, in the western suburbs of this city.

of July 1864. It took an hour and a half to get to the light box, where he was freed, and withdrew a short distance to consult. The explosion was terrific, and badly injured that he died last night. Gallagher, aged nineteen years, cannot read, and other boys were not as much hurt seriously.

An Editor Horsewhipped.
RICHMOND, Va., July 7.—Colonel Beckford, editor and proprietor of the *Richmond Dispatch*, Va., today was badly whipped by A. W. Whitfield, a prominent citizen, on account of an article published yesterday about an unfortunate diffused that a younger brother of Whitfield's was elected. The article reflected severely on Whitfield.

Hung by the Neck.—ATLANTA, Ga., July 6.—Jack Thompson was hung at Leverage, Ga., today. He was one of two colored children last winter who were taken from their mother, eight and two. He blew off the head of the man who strangled him, and then he strangled the man and crushed the head of the other and cut his throat from ear to ear with a knife. The cause of the murder has not been explained. He said to-day the devil was the one who killed them.

His Slave Trade on the Mozambique Coast Is Suppressed.—LONDON, July 6.—The Standard print this morning Portugal having consented to a treaty for the suppression of the slave trade on the Mozambique coast, a British cruiser has been ordered to the coast. She will carry a Portuguese officer to the harbors of the slavers and be empowered to seize the vessels.

Smuggled Diamonds and Jewelry Captured.—The customs officer seized \$10,000 worth of diamond rings, brooches, etc., which were smuggled into the country years ago. Their value then was probably \$1,000.